



Small Group Discussion Guide **For the week of January 28 - February 3, 2024**

Main Thought and Scriptures:

God's holiness is further revealed in how He will redeem all of creation in the new heavens and new earth. In Revelations 21:1-7, the Apostle John saw a vision of God restoring all of creation once and for all to a world without sin and death where we could live in a perfect relationship with God and one another.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son." (Revelation 21:2-7 ESV)

This reality should give us hope for the future despite what we may face in life. Additionally, it should fuel our faith and obedience to God today because we know that this promise is available to all who trust and follow Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)

Additionally, this hope should cause us to live a life of worship to God who loves us and makes this reality possible.

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV)

**Discussion Questions:**

(Break into groups of 3-4 to discuss)

- Share what God is highlighting to you most from the weekend sermon, the main thought, and/or the scriptures above.
- How has the promise of eternal life given you hope during a difficult situation in the past? Explain.
- What is one challenging situation in your life right now? How can the promise of eternal life give you hope? Explain.
- Who is someone in your life currently facing a trial and in need of hope in Christ? How can you practically share this hope with them?

Prayer:

(Break into pairs to pray)

- Pray that one another would continue to have hope in Christ despite what we may be facing.
- Pray for someone in your life currently facing a trial to encounter the hope of Christ through us this week.